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JOINT PUBLIC POLICY (JPP) COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES December 3, 2008



MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	PUBLIC	HIV EPI/ OAPP STAFF	COMM STAFF/ CONSULTANTS
Lee Kochems, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Whitney Engeran-Cordova, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Miki Jackson	None	Julie Cross
Kyle Baker	Jeffrey Goodman	Manuel Negrete		Carolyn Echols-Watson
Carrie Broadus	Dean Page	Kimberlee Woods		Jane Nachazel
Ruel Nollado	Chris Villa			Craig Vincent-Jones
James Skinner	Kathy Watt			
Ron Snyder				

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- 8) **Letter:** Visioning Change (Senator), AIDS Partnership California/California HIV/AIDS Research Program, 1/3/2009
- 9) **Matrix:** State Public Policy Issues Docket, 12/8/2008

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Engeran called the meeting to order at 2:25 pm.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
MOTION #1: Approve the Agenda Order, as amended (*Passed by Consensus*).
3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**
MOTION #2: Approve 10/01/2008 JPP Committee meeting minutes, as presented (*Passed by Consensus*).
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** There were no comments.
5. **COMMITTEE COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** There were no comments.
6. **CO-CHAIRS' REPORT:**
 - Mr. Engeran-Cordova and Mr. Kochems were renominated for the co-chair seats. Elections will be held at the January meeting.
 - Mr. Kochems reported that he would present the JPP Committee 2009 work plan and presentation at the Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Annual Meeting on 12/04/2008. Each PPC Committee will discuss its work plans separately that afternoon.
 - Mr. Baker spoke on the Visioning Change project letters included in the committee packet. The letters were developed last Fall by the Visioning Change work group. The project has partners statewide including the State Office of AIDS (OA), OAPP, APLA, the Gay and Lesbian Center. Carla Bailey, Co-Chair, represents the Commission. Its goal is to influence the extension of the Ryan White legislation.

- The Visioning Change letters do not address prevention because Ryan White encompasses care and treatment, but not prevention. Mr. Baker indicated that the State OA has created a think tank on prevention issues. Mr. Kochems reiterated that Commission and PPC activities are working toward viewing health care as a broader, integrated subject.

7. PUBLIC BENEFITS:

A. Medicare Part B:

- Ms. Cross reported December checks reflected the \$96.40 premium cut for Medicare Part B clients with a Medi-Cal share-of-cost over \$500. It is estimated that it will impact 400 LA County beneficiaries who are PLWH/A. The State previously paid the premiums, but that ended with the recent budget cuts.
- She reported that it is hard for another third party to make arrangements to pay the premiums, but she is working on establishing that relationship with CMS.
- Mr. Vincent-Jones reported that they are working with OAPP to develop a bridge program using the Medicare Part D Gap Assistance format. Funds would need to go directly to providers rather than to consumers due to regulations, or perhaps other means, such as food vouchers, could be used to offset the cost.
- The next policy brief will update these activities and note other options like the Medicare Savings and Working Disabled Programs. Some of these programs may be better options for those whom are impacted.
- ➡ It was agreed to seek a grant to develop a strong consumer communication network among consumers and others.

B. Medi-Cal: There was no additional information.

8. STATE BUDGET:

- Mr. Vincent-Jones noted the Governor has opened another special session to revise the state budget for the current fiscal year by January 14th.
- Ms. Cross provided a summary of key anticipated cuts. Mr. Vincent-Jones added that aside from possible OA budget cuts (the HIV community's traditional focus), many cuts target related funding streams like Medi-Cal. While not a key voice in these areas, the HIV community has a focused voice that could be used effectively in concert with other organizations.
- California augments funding provided for support services, however reducing that funding would negatively impact the cost of services elsewhere. For example, apparent savings from reducing state In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) could increase other costs by shifting clients to hospital or long-term care, increasing the burden on HIV-specific in-home services, and/or undermining the stability of worker wages.
- Ms. Cross is refining the summary with consumer profiles and addressing areas like Denti-Cal and Medi-Cal provider cuts.
- ➡ It was agreed to coordinate a teleconference work group to prioritize concerns in support of a swift response to the next state budget proposal(s): Whitney Engeran-Cordova/Lee Kochems, Kyle Baker, Carrie Broadus, Miki Jackson/Joey Terrill, Manuel Negrete, Julie Cross, and Craig Vincent-Jones.

9. PREVENTION:

- Mr. Baker said OA had cut Education and Prevention for OAPP by \$359,000. It had been expected funds would be fully backfilled, so the final cut took them by surprise. Mr. Kochems said Long Beach was also cut \$17,000. The cuts are retroactive, which creates additional problems since funds had already been expended.
- ➡ Ms. Broadus requested an update on the status of the proposed multi-year \$500,000 for a MSM Health Center.

10. HIV SURVEILLANCE: OAPP staff and several Commissioners were attending a statewide meeting on surveillance convened by the State Office of AIDS.

11. CONDOMS IN THE ADULT FILM INDUSTRY:

- Mr. Kochems reported the statewide work group was working on language and seeking legislative sponsorship. The legislation is co-sponsored by the County and the JPP Committee. No comments were received from the PPC.
- Mr. Vincent-Jones indicated that initial language has been drafted to require on-site condom usage and education, and producer-paid HIV/STD screening. The work group is considering making changes to the language that better empowers Cal-OSHA to enhance worker safety and public health and effectively implement blood-borne pathogens regulations, rather than focusing on specific remedies.
- To better reflect the context of recommended changes, this issue will be described as "HIV/STD Control in the Adult Film Industry" hereonout.
- ➡ Ms. Broadus asked the Committee to consider similar regulation(s) for nail shops.

12. CORRECTIONS: This item was postponed.

13. HEALTHCARE REFORM:

- Ms. Cross participates in the National HIV Health Access Work Group, previously the HIV Medicaid/Medicare Work Group, which reviews policy proposals from the HIV perspective. It is currently designing a “do no harm” standard. For example, an often misunderstood aspect of healthcare reform as it relates to HIV is that Ryan White, as payer of last resort, can be superseded just as last year’s California proposal for a high-risk pool would have undermined existing care for PLWH/A.
- Mr. Vincent-Jones said the JPP work group has met once and planned to meet again when it can respond to the national group’s proposal. Ms. Cross is preparing a meeting report. She added that consumer profiles were especially helpful.
- The Ryan White Reauthorization Principles continue to be used as an education tool especially for new members of Congress and their staffs. Mr. Baker said conversations are routinely being informed by it and it would be posted by the National AIDS Strategy group in the “Allied Documents” section of their website.
- ➡ Mr. Nollo and Ms. Jackson agreed to join Ms. Broadus and Mr. Goodman on the JPP Health Access Work Group.
- ➡ The “AIDS in America” report by the National HIV Health Access Work Group and related documents will be included in the Commission packet.

14. COMPREHENSIVE SEX EDUCATION: The item was postponed.

15. WORK PLAN:

- A. **Committee Operations:** This item addresses routine logistics of Committee meetings.
- B. **Budget Policy:** Traditionally focused on the State, the 2009 Plan adds tasks to better monitor Federal and County issues.
- C. **Benefits Policy:** Continued discussion of Medi-Cal (Medicaid) and Medicare concerns, as well as revisiting Food Stamps.
- D. **Regulatory Policy:** Reinvigorating the discussion from two years ago on Title XXII Housing. The County now has a position on this issue which will facilitate progress.
- E. **Prevention Policy:**
 - HIV/STD Control in the Adult Film Industry is already being actively pursued.
 - Comprehensive Sex Education, identified in the Reauthorization Principles, will require more discussion and a white paper. A work group including Planned Parenthood and California Reproductive Health Association has been started.
 - The Commission has supported routine HIV testing in the past. The JPP Committee has also added such testing as part of physicals and gynecological exams to the Comprehensive Care Plan goals and objectives.
- F. **Other Policy Initiatives:** Expanding work on Corrections, Healthcare Reform, and the National AIDS Strategy.
- G. **Policy Agenda:** Developing an agenda with an annual one-day conference and moving priorities out to stakeholders and public.
- H. **Public Policy Response:** Protocols for procedures such as determining when to request the County to support or to co-sponsor an item, how to monitor activity, and how to manage updates.
- I. **Public Policy Docket:** The process for adopting State or Federal positions and how best to advance/advocate them.
- J. **Ryan White Strategy:** Continued work on both the 2010 Extension and the Reauthorization Principles beyond that.
- K. **CDC Strategy:** While there is no CDC legislation comparable to Ryan White, this item reflects a focus on working with the PPC, UCHAPS, and others on the prevention counterpoint in guidelines and other prevention plan initiatives.
- L. **HIV Surveillance:** Now that reporting is name-based and includes CD4s, ensuring that monitoring moves forward, funding is maintained, system maturity is supported, and problems like recalcitrant providers are addressed.
- M. **Community Collaboration:** Working to ensure stakeholders are at the table and involved.
- N. **Unmet Need:** Each committee addresses an aspect of the unmet need initiative. JPP accomplished enactment of CD4 legislation. New goals include estimating unmet need through service delivery pattern assessment and enhancing unmet need assessment by developing partnerships that support integration of HIV surveillance into other public health assessments.
- ➡ It was agreed to add an item under M. Community Collaboration to assess related federal agencies like SAMHSA.
- ➡ It was agreed to clarify all six key areas previously discussed regarding Reauthorization under J. Ryan White Strategy.

16. PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES DOCKET:

- The current docket was updated and included in the packet for review.
- Mr. Kochems noted legislation must be introduced for the new legislative year by the end of February.
- ➡ The legislative review meeting will be March 4th. Staff will disseminate legislation, when possible, by email prior to the meeting.

17. ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were no announcements.

18. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.